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## WORLD'S—1903—FAIR.

## IGNORABLE RECORD.

Yesterday's Globe bragged piously about the Republican gifts to the School Fund after the Civil War. As usual, it omits the chief facts. During the time the Republican party was in power it used \$306,478.33 of school money which has never been made good to the children of the State. The Liberal Republican party restored to the school funds \$1,094,410 which had been used by the Republican party to reduce the public debt, but there still remains \$306,478.33 belonging to the children of the State, and this money was used for current expenses while the Republican party was in power. Tell all the truth.

## DEAD AND BURIED.

Now that the "robbed treasury" has joined the "garbage heap," it is not about time that the Globe-Democrat hustled around for a new "issue." Something must be done to bolster up the courage of the faithful Republicans who are depending on an erratic champion to win that next "battle" to which so many references have been made by Republican politicians.

Yet what a pile of old ornament and ammunition has been discarded! The "looted School Fund" required rapid firing, but had such a fearful record that officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, together with the privates, have decided that there is greater safety with the enemy.

Just as the Nesbit law promised to be a paralyser—according to the Globe—a little factional fight in Washington between the National Committee and Kereks and State Chairman Atkins developed a surprising weakness in the gunners. The men who are making the biggest "holer" about the election "issue" as presented in the Twelfth Congressional District found that they were shooting at friends.

Then the "garbage heap," a flaming war banner, was flung on the junk heap. With the utter refusal of the Republican editors at St. Joseph to have a thing to do with the "robbed treasury of Missouri" issue, the greatest piece of ordinance ever tested by the Globe-Democrat corps of "experts" just naturally "busted."

So is it not about time for some new equipment to be forwarded? Can't the Globe find a "bullet" anywhere? Why not charge the Democrats with being responsible for the Kereks-Hitchcock fight? Something must be found that will serve as a pot-bolter. Anything will temporarily do. Republicans in Missouri are not particular.

## PUBLIC SERVANTS.

By declaring vacant all the committees of the House of Delegates has placed Speaker Kelly in a position to direct legislation along new lines.

In the reorganization that will be effected when he names the members of the new committees lies the hope of better and quicker action on municipal affairs than has characterized the first months of the new House.

Until the effect of Speaker Kelly's action is seen St. Louis should withhold judgment. If the wishes of the public are followed there will be commendation. As the overthrow of the old vicious Combine was accomplished with this ostensible purpose there is reason to hope for better things.

But unless Speaker Kelly and his associates do follow public opinion as their guide, there will be reason for an increased indignation. Mr. Kelly is in a position where action will be judged rather than words. So far, his record occupies of the chair has been marked by a happy change from past conditions. A continuation of this policy will bring its reward.

## ELEVATED ROAD FRANCHISE.

While existing conditions in St. Louis may demand the building of an elevated railway as a needed feature of rapid transit development, such a road should not be constructed under a franchise which, if still in effect, has been kept alive by a technicality that defeats the intent of the municipality at the time the franchise was granted.

The elevated railway franchise granted to certain parties in St. Louis some thing over ten years ago was based on the understanding that the road should be constructed within a reasonable time. The provisions calling for the beginning of construction work must be taken as contemplating the steady pursuance of that work to its completion. The plain intent of the municipality was to secure an early improvement of the rapid transit system in this city for the benefit of the community.

provisions of this new franchise. Every legitimate advantage possible to the city in the granting of a privilege of so great prospective value should be insisted upon and secured in the framing of the ordinance. The wisdom and propriety of this insistence cannot but be plain to all.

## BY DEEDS.

St. Louis churches will hold thank services this morning. Every family will attempt to do justice to the excellencies of a good American dinner after the people have left the places of worship. This afternoon uniformed warriors will struggle over the possession of a pig skin. The playhouses will be filled to overflowing during the afternoon and evening. Hunters will spend the day following the dogs. Stores, shops and factories will be closed. Men and women will rest from their labors.

And all for what? For the blessed day of Thanksgiving, a solemn institution devoted to the expression of the inward rejoicing that every true citizen feels for the bountiful kindnesses which have been visited upon him during the past twelve months.

A day of thanks. And in the varied forms through which the happiness of the people will be expressed will be found the full appreciation of bountiful crops, lively trade and material profit. In the religious services, the games, the play and the vacation there is the spirit of thanks. All of these different forms of enjoyment harmonize and swell the sum of human appreciation for Divine favors.

In the general acceptance of this view of to-day's observance is there not found the germ of the new spirit that has come over the people of to-day? Not so many decades ago—or years ago—there was a large percentage of truly devout ones who believed that amusements of any form were out of place on this national holiday. The sermon was followed by a dinner, bountiful, it must be granted, yet enjoyed only as a sort of solemn feast that suppressed the natural outpouring of youthful energy.

But there are now few who find a desecration in the hearty participation by the healthy in the joys of the day. Where is the staid old man who would divorce a spirit of thanks from gaiety, smiles and wholesome sports?

Rather has there not arisen a sentiment that is far more consonant with the real spirit that should characterize every action—a feeling that, in addition to the formal worship of song-book and prayer, the outpouring of gladness that is in men's hearts is in part an acknowledgment of thanks for blessings received? There is a time in which to be glad, and why not to-day?

Yet better than any expression will be the lives that will be lived during the next twelve months. The willingness with which each individual takes up his daily task, the strenuousness with which he carries the work to completion and the principles that control his actions will be a far truer standard by which to judge the real thankfulness in his heart.

In emphasizing this thought, the President has focused attention on the standard by which the world judges people. The action is the true expression of the heart. Let us have words to-day, let us recall the story of the year with its manifold blessings, let us enjoy the pleasures to the full, but only with the resolve that before another Thanksgiving Day all of these things will be better than to-day deserved by godly and fruitful endeavor.

## AN EXAMPLE.

Republican Circuit Judges have furnished an interesting study in Republican consistency. McKinley received a majority of 563 votes in St. Louis last fall. In redistricting the city for the new apportionment the Judges have gerrymandered the districts so that Democrats can carry one Senatorial district and one Representative district.

This will give the Democrats one State Senator to five Republicans, and three Democratic Representatives to thirteen Republicans. Could anything be more distinctly one-sided?

Yet Republicans have shrieked because the Congressional districts in Missouri do not give their party four or five more Representatives at Washington.

Party reigns in party matters. And that is why the management of election judges and clerks was removed from the Circuit Court. The Judiciary of St. Louis is incorruptible, and in its proper sphere cannot be moved from the straight course by outside influence. When improperly placed in the sphere of political manipulation the judiciary cannot escape the tendency of party promotion.

## FACTS AND FANCY.

In his effort to excuse his blundering arithmetic the anonymous "Old Politician" of the Globe-Democrat falsifies the records of the State by asserting that the Board of Education did not receive the interest due on the \$1,671,600 of Government bonds which the Fund Commissioners sold. Resting on this lie, he figures that instead of receiving 14.49 per cent premium for the bonds, the actual premium received was 9.9 per cent.

As The Republic has previously pointed out, the exact interest collected up to the date of the transfer, in the latter part of November, 1875, was \$10,808, which was properly placed to the credit of the State's school moneys for the education of the children. Not only this, but the Board of Education, in addition to collecting the interest, as shown by the books, secured a premium of \$1,407 on the interest thus collected. It must also be remembered that this interest and the premium thereon were additional to the amount of premium realized on the principal of the bonds as stated by the Auditor's report. In other words, the State realized \$22,215 of premium on the face value of the United States bonds sold for the School Fund, in addition to the interest and premium represented by the January coupons which amounted to \$42,395.

This plain statement makes the garblings of this anonymous defamer appear in their true light. Koln, Popper and Company dealt fairly with the State in the matter. Missouri received every cent to which it was entitled, including interest and premiums.

Has the "Old Politician" ever discounted a note? If so, he would have known that the purchaser of a note or a bond pays the seller the interest due. Yet this defamer asks, "If they (the bonds) were transferred in Novem-

ber, how the devil did they get the Government to pay the interest ahead of date?" The fall of the rat breaks off at the root.

That aside, the deductions of the "Old Politician" are worthy of note as showing his utter unreliability. He assumes that the State should have received the full amount of interest called for by the January coupons, though the bonds were sold in November. He places this amount at \$50,148. Proceeding, he says:

Well, then, just add up that \$50,148 interest to the \$1,671,600 which The Republic says was the principal of the bonds, and what have you got?—\$1,721,748. Now The Republic said that \$1,671,600 was the price paid by Koln & Co. to the State, and that's what the Auditor says, too, in his official report for 1880-1886. What's the difference between \$1,721,748 and \$1,671,600?—\$50,148. Traffic right. And what per cent is that of the \$1,671,600 Koln & Co. ought to have paid for the bonds and the coupons at par? Is it 14.49 per cent? Not by a long shot. Is it less than 12 per cent? Yes, it is less than 12. Yes, less than 12. Just a fraction less—9.9 would fit it off right.

In other words, this phenomenal mathematician figures that \$192,118 is 9.9 per cent of \$1,721,748. Fourth-grade school boys, following the accepted rules of arithmetic, would find that \$192,118 is 11.15 per cent of \$1,721,748. Is the "Old Politician" simply ignorant of addition and subtraction, or a willful liar? In view of the falsity of the premises that he has taken, the latter seems to be the case.

## BATTLESHIP "MISSOURI."

On Saturday, December 28, as now contemplated by the Navy Department, the American battleship Missouri will be launched from the dockways of the builders at Newport News, a supreme product of the modern shipbuilding craft and as formidable a fighting machine as has ever been put together.

Every Missourian so fortunate as to receive an invitation to attend the ceremonies of launching and christening the Missouri should be present without fail. There will be a distinguished representation from the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the general Government and the Navy Department. The Missouri delegation should be ample and typical of the best citizenship in the State.

There would be an eminent appropriateness, also, in the attendance of a special World's Fair delegation. The christening of the Missouri by Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Missouri's senior Senator, may well be done under World's Fair auspices.

The suggestion is commended to the attention of the Navy Department and the World's Fair Company as worthy of favorable action.

## SALT ON A RAW SPOT.

To the harassed and perturbed souls of Missouri Republicans, hungry and most luckless of all American office-seekers, the story of Roosevelt Beardley of North Lansing, Tompkins County, N. Y., will sound almost like an intentional aggravation of their present tribulations.

Mr. Beardley is the Postmaster of North Lansing. He is 91 years old. He was first appointed to office by President John Quincy Adams. That was nearly seventy-five years ago. He has been in office ever since. Parties have risen and fallen, Presidents have come and gone, issues have lived and died, but through all the changes Mr. Beardley has kept his grip on his job.

You can almost hear the anguished cries of the Missouri Republican who reads this story. He has always found it like pulling eye-teeth to get a political office in Missouri. He no sooner gets one of the Federal variety than he begins to undermine him and bring about his deposition. Just to think of a man peacefully holding his Federal job for seventy-five years! Things are mighty unevenly distributed in this world!

With the information at hand, disinterested Democrats must acknowledge that both the Kereks and the anti-Kereks Republicans are putting up pretty fair fronts.

The Illinois girl who put her name on an apple and received a proposal of marriage which she accepted evidently thought that the apple was a peach.

Sir Tom Lipton counts on a "three-leaved" Shamrock to win the cup next year, but the chances are it'll be a "three-leaf" Shamrock in the end.

Uncle Sam's Interstate Commerce Commission should not hesitate to try a fight-to-a-finish with the great Northwestern railway combine.

If Santos-Dumont's airship voyage from France to Corsica is a success he will doubtless claim the title of the Napoleon of balloons.

Total receipts from the war revenue acts from June 13, 1898, to October 31, 1899, aggregated \$343,838,634. No wonder there is a surplus.

Maybe the rank of Colonel was conferred on that Illinois school superintendent because he taught the young idea how to shoot.

St. Louis's Smoke Inspector should feel bound to renewed effort at smoke abatement every time he draws his salary or his breath.

As between Kereks and Hitchcock, the average Missouri Republican is for the one who will control the Federal patronage.

That St. Louis messenger boy who was held up and robbed probably made no effort to escape by getting a fast move on.

Missouri's Republican editors evidently agree that the Globe-Democrat's public debt campaign is a good thing—to let alone.

St. Louis paid \$187,500 for Thanksgiving turkey. The prosperity of the past year makes the investment worth while.

If it's the "strenuous life" that President Roosevelt is wishing for, the Missouri "outfit" will see that he gets it.

San Juan Hill will be converted into a park by the United States. There should be a supply of robins' roost.

Last year's Saturday and Sunday Hospital collection was \$18,683. Why not make it \$25,000 this year?

In the case of Missouri Republicanism it's harmony with this kind of a big H—.

## PLAYHOUSE FAVORITES.



MISS BLANCHE WALSH.  
Who is playing "Maid of the Mountains" in cities around St. Louis.

## AT THE THEATERS THIS WEEK—COMING BILLS.

Klaw & Erlanger's "Ben-Hur" continues its successful run at the Olympic Theatre. The sale of seats for the third week was opened yesterday, and the line of purchasers was unbroken throughout the day. Next week will be the last, notwithstanding rumors to the contrary.

"Maid Marian," the latest contribution of Reginald De Koven to the lyric stage, will be introduced for the first time here, by the Bostonians, at the Century Theatre, beginning with next Sunday night. "Maid Marian" is a sequel to "Robin Hood," and is said to follow the musical forms so popular in that opera. Melody, music, and romance are its salient features, and one hundred singers will appear in its interpretation. All the old favorites will be in the cast, the main part being sung by Grace Van Studdford, soprano. "Monte Cristo" is the current attraction at this theatre.

The honors are equally divided at the Columbia this week. Horace Golden, or "The Great Golden," as he is now known, works so fast that he has no time for the usual magician's patter, which is an improvement. Dolan and Lehar have an entertaining sketch called "A High-Toned Burglar," while Grace Emmett and Company present three good comedy results with "Mrs. Murphy's Second Husband." The Columbia have an excellent musical act. Other good songs on the bill are "Trovatore," Dooley and Kent, Edna Hirsch, Hayes and Healy, Tom Moore and O'Rourke and Burnette. The bill at the Columbia next week will consist of Oliver Dool, Byron, Caron and Herbert, George Polk and Lydia Barry, Mark Sullivan, St. Oude Brothers, Lottie Gladstone, Kelly and Violette, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Litchfield, Amelia Pepe Calen, The Tanakas, Baker and Lynn, Billie Howard and Trask and Gladson.

Nordica opens an engagement at the Grand Opera-house on Monday, December 2. Clark's New Royals, a combination of vaudeville and burlesque, will be seen at the Standard next week, beginning with Sunday matinee. In the olio will be found Belind and Arthur, eccentric jugglers; Miss English, a London music hall artist; Herbert and Violette, German comedians; The Trolley Car Trio; Burgess, Smith and Burgess, eccentric acrobats; Leslie and Rinehart, soubrettes, and Carroll and Elliott, comedy sketch artists. The burlesque is called "Off to Buffalo" and introduces the entire company, with a chorus.

Henrietta Crozman will give a special matinee performance of "Mistress Nell" at the Grand this afternoon. The next offering at this playhouse will be Charles P. Salisbury's production of "A Trip to Buffalo." It is announced as a comedy of the Pan-American Exposition. The story intrudes the Sultan of Turkey on a visit to the grounds, and for his entertainment a number of specialties are introduced. While the Buffalo fair was in progress the organization played an engagement of fourteen weeks in that city.

After "The Prisoner of Zenda," Havlin's will have one of last season's successful offerings, "The Prisoner of Zenda." It tells an exciting story of river-front life in New York City, one of the startling scenes being that of an accidental electrocution. Elton Rowland and Harry Leighton are appearing here this week in a scenic revival of "The Prisoner of Zenda."

Barney Gilmore comes to the Imperial Sunday in "Kidnaped in New York." He will play Dooley, the Irish detective, assuming the now familiar disguise of the role. In giving his character impersonations, he will sing some new songs. Broadway's "The House That Jack Built" is the current bill.

Robert Mantell is soon to appear at the Grand Opera-house in a repertory of classic drama, including "Hamlet," "Rochelle" and "The Lady of Lyons."

Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" and Verdi's "Il Trovatore" are alternating at Music Hall this week, the former being put on to-night and Saturday night, where the auditorium is connected with the Deschamps Friday evening, this afternoon and Saturday.

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## CREDITORS GET THE PROCEEDS.

Gaylord-Blessing Stock Exchange Seats Declared an Asset. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Dubuque, Ia., Nov. 27.—In the cases of bankrupts Samuel Gaylord and John H. Blessing, whose seats on the St. Louis Stock Exchange were sold, Judge Shiras to-day held the proceeds, \$4,600, belonged to their creditors, and must be turned over to the referee.

Samuel Gaylord and John H. Blessing were members of the firm of Gaylord, Blessing & Co., stock and bond brokers, which assigned for the benefit of its creditors. When declared bankrupt, they forfeited their seats in the St. Louis Stock Exchange and the seats were sold. The foregoing decision is the result of an amicable suit filed in the Federal Court to determine what disposition should be made of the proceeds.

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## MARRIAGE OF MISS SIDNEY BOYD AND MR. JOSEPH DICKSON, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Bissell Ware Attendants at the Pretty Wedding of Young Couple Who Served Them as Maid of Honor and Best Man, Respectively, Two Years Ago—Miss Annie Curry and Mr. Edward Stacy Pierce Are Married.

Two years ago, on the 23 of November, Miss Sidney Boyd and Mr. Joseph Dickson, Jr., officiated in the respective capacities of maid of honor and best man at the marriage of Miss Edith Boyd and Mr. Bissell Ware. Last night, at the wedding of Miss Boyd and Mr. Dickson, the bride and bridegroom of two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Ware, served as matron of honor and best man.

A turn of the wheel of fortune served to bring about this interchange of courtesies. When Mr. and Mrs. Ware were married they naturally were assisted by the bride's sister and the bridegroom's best man friend, though the sister and the best friend at that time were not engaged nor thinking of it. They have, however, always been friends, and were brought together much on account of close family relations. Their renewed engagement this time, therefore, by no means a surprise, and their marriage last night seems as natural an event as the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Ware should assist at the wedding in places next in prominence to those of bride and bridegroom.

The bride of last night is the second daughter of Mr. William G. Boyd. She entered the parlors with her father, preceded by two ushers, Robert Kaim and William Whitman of Houston, and followed by Miss Rebecca Boyd, with Mrs. Ware directly before her. She wore white satin, covered almost entirely with old rose point lace which formed the wedding gown of her aunt, Mrs. Christopher Elder. A full veil simply arranged and a bouquet of roses, trimmed with lilies of the valley, completed the costume. Mrs. Ware wore a white chiffon, covered with a Renaissance lace robe, and Miss Rebecca Boyd, who is still a schoolgirl, while mat and Valenciennes lace.

The Reverend Doctor Nicoll performed the ceremony at the Boyd residence, No. 490 Delmar boulevard, only relatives and a very few friends being present. Later the bride and groom, with Mrs. Ware directly before her, which the invitations were general. The house was trimmed in much Southern style, the rose parlor being arranged with a frieze of white chrysanthemums and palms in the corners. Yellow and white chrysanthemums were used in the other rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson have gone East for their honeymoon, and will return to take up their residence at No. 264 North Newstead avenue on their return, the house being now furnished and in readiness.

The second wedding within a fortnight in the family of Mr. E. L. Craig, 812 Olive street, was last night when their younger son, Mr. Edward Stacy Pierce, Jr., was married to Miss Annie Curry, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Willard. The wedding was that of Miss Annie Curry to Mr. William Matiff, which was an event of last week.

Samuel Cupples Pierce, elder brother of Edward Pierce, Jr., assisted at both weddings, as groomsmen at the one last week and as best man last night.

The only bridesmaid, Miss Julia Lyle Curry, is also well versed in her part of a bridesmaid, having assisted at no less than four weddings, all recent events.

The ceremony last night was performed by the Reverend Robert E. Lee Craig, at St. Paul's church, No. 820 Fairmount avenue, which was trimmed with quantities of Southern snail and many white chrysanthemums.

The bride party came in, preceded by Miss Lily Belle Pierce, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Gertrude Ivers, who held broad, white satin ribbons to form an aisle, while Rogers, Pierce and Charles Curry held opposite ends of the ribbons.

The bride and bridegroom stood within a deep bow-window in the rose parlor, which was suitably lighted and made into a bower of greens by the use of much smilax; two tall columns on either side of the entrance being tied with white satin ribbons.

The bride, who is small and dainty, wore a gown of white crepe de Chine, extensively shirred on both bodice and skirt. White chignon and lace veil, and further to its beauty. Her tulle veil was simply arranged, and she carried an arm bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Miss Curry wore white Paris muslin, paired with lace and touched with pink panne velvet, with a bouquet of Golden Gate roses. There was no reception and the wedding guests were limited to about twenty, mostly family and a very few intimate friends. Mrs. James Bell of Colden, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Dalferres P. Curry of Louisville, Ky., were present from other cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce departed last night for the West. They have gone to Denver and Colorado Springs for a short visit, and later will take up their residence in Cripple Creek, where the bridegroom is engaged in business.

The marriage of Miss Belle Peck, youngest daughter of the late Charles H. Peck, a well known merchant, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the bride's home. There were no attendants and the affair was very quiet, owing to the bereavement in both families. The Reverend Doctor McKittick performed the ceremony, only relatives being present. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant departed last night for an Eastern wedding trip of three weeks. On their return they will live at the Peck residence, in Vandeventer place.

Mrs. August Frank will go to New York on Saturday to visit her parents. She will not return until the 1st of January.